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## European dignitary, Andris Piebalgs special speaker at Green Aruba Conference



**Andris Piebalgs**

The organizers of the second Aruba Green Conference are working diligently to make this second mega conference on alternative energy a truly spectacular occasion. It is believed that this conference will be the topic of the day for a very long time long after the conference has ended.

The organizing team, after much hard work, can finally present the list of the formidable personalities, renowned around the world, who will speak at the conference. We understand that getting these

persons to come and speak here was no small feat, because of their immense schedules and worldwide commitments.

His Royal Highness the Prince of the Dutch Kingdom will be the keynote speaker of this spectacular event.

Among the speakers is The European Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs. Piebalgs is also scheduled to inaugurate the Cas di Europa (the European Home) which is a center for information.

Andris Piebalgs was born in Latvia. He is currently the Commissioner for Development at the European Union. He was previously the European Commissioner for Energy Affairs.

Before moving to Europe Piebalgs was Minister of Finance and Minister of Education in his country. He also served as Member of Parliament in Latvia. At the early age of 23 he graduated from the University of Latvia with a degree in physics.

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## Tiara Air Aruba proudly promotes pilots



**New wing men, Gregory, Ralph, Etienne, and Mike with senior pilots, captains and Tiara Air Aruba Director Alejandro Muyale.**  
(See story on page 2)

## Cain ridiculed for tax plan, ode to pizza video

CHICAGO (AFP) - Republican White House hopeful Herman Cain is fielding an unusual attack on the 9-9-9 tax plan at the heart of his campaign: allegations he cribbed it from a computer game that simulates city governance.

The allegations come as the political neophyte faces increased scrutiny amid a surge in recent polls that have him leading the unsettled field of Republican contenders to challenge President Barack Obama in 2012.

He also came under fire after over \$100,000 in campaign funds were used to buy books from Cain's motivational speaking company, according to reports recently filed with federal elections officials.

A Cain spokesman was not immediately available for comment.

The former head of the Godfather's pizza chain is also facing some ridicule for a 1991 performance at the Omaha, Nebraska press club in which he parodied the John Lennon classic Imagine.

Women dressed in burlesque choir robes removed

Cain's suit jacket for the event and dressed him in a white choir robe before he solemnly took the microphone and soulfully sang:

"Imagine there's no pizza. I couldn't if I tried. Eating only tacos, or Kentucky Fried. Imagine all the burgers -- it's frightening and sad. You're lucky you have pizza. To feed your kids for you. No defrosting or cooking. And no dishes you must do."

Cain, who has an impressive singing voice, has not shied away from using it on the campaign trail. Just last week

he sang musical number "The Impossible Dream" at a rally in Tennessee.

He has, however, refuted the allegations that his 9-9-9 tax plan -- replacing the current system with a nine percent national sales tax and flat nine percent tax on business and personal income -- was borrowed from the popular videogame SimCity.

"It's an original idea, and to people who say it's modeled after a game -- it's a lie," Cain told reporters at a recent campaign stop.







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## Tiara Air Aruba proudly promotes pilots



Gregory, Ralph, Etienne, and Mike



Tiara Air Aruba Director Alejandro Muyale with proud mom of Ralph

Aruba's expanding home-grown airline, Tiara Air Aruba, was proud to award wings and epaulettes to four of their pilots during an informal celebration in the meeting hall of the Aruba Trade and Industry Association (ATIA) on Monday evening, October 17.

Tiara Air Aruba Captains Jean Jacques Etienne Croeze and Mike Lopez received their "wings" for qualifying on the airline's new Lear Jet 35A, which was certified by the Aruba Civil Aviation Agency for use as a air ambulance and for corporate charters a little over a month ago. The pilots completed specialized training for the Lear Jet in Orlando, Florida. Chief Pilot Fernando Gomez pinned on their new wings. Mike and Etienne came to Tiara Air after quite some years flying commercially in Europe and the U.S., respectively.

Tiara Air Aruba Managing Director Alejandro Muyale was also very proud to introduced two co-pilots who have earned their Captain's Epaulettes. Senior Captain Tyrone de Kort called forward the mothers to Ralph Hoek and Gregory Schoop, who completed training in New York with flying colors, to officially hand over their epaulettes before he set them on their shoulders.

Alejandro Muyale expressed his enormous pride and pleasure with his pilots' dedication to improving their flight expertise and qualification status, which the company fully supports financially and spiritually. He could only express deep satisfaction in how the airline has grown and expanded their services since opening their doors 6 years ago. They now count 9 captains and 5 co-pilots on their staff, with 2 new co-pilots to complete their training very soon.

by Rosalie Klein

## Andris Piebalgs special speaker at Green Aruba Conference

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He worked for 8 years in the field of education and later served his country as ambassador in the Republic of Estonia as well as in the European Union. Andris Piebalgs is multilingual who speaks, in addition to his native Latvian language, English, German, Russian, French and the language of Estonia.

Piebalgs is expected to arrive on Aruba on October 27th and is scheduled to speak that

very afternoon at the Aruba Green Conference. This will be followed by the ceremonial opening of the Cas di Europa (the European Home), the center of information located on the Sasaki road here.

This will be the place where people can go for information on Europe and which will also serve as a portal for those interested in doing business with countries in the European Union.

## US 'committed' to closing Guantanamo: Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Obama administration remains committed to closing the notorious Guantanamo Bay prison and no new inmates will be sent there, a top US official vowed yesterday, despite slow progress.

"The president pledged to close Guantanamo and we continue to be committed to that goal. And so we do not intend to add to the Guantanamo

population," the Pentagon's general counsel, Jeh Johnson, said. "We remain committed to closing Guantanamo. We have from time to time looked at alternative locations."

Opened in January 2002 in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks, the prison swiftly became a symbol of the excesses of "the war on terror" launched under former president George W. Bush.



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## Aruba partners with new American Foundation

*Prime Minister Eman and prestigious public policy institute NAF share belief in "smart growth" and sustainability*

Prime Minister Eman and Patrick Doherty, the Director of the Smart Strategy Initiative of the prestigious New America Foundation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Washington, DC on Monday, October 17, to pursue a national strategy for promoting sustainability in Aruba. Aruba and the New America Foundation, along with other government partners such as the largest research institute from the Netherlands, TNO, will design and implement a national sustainability prosperity strategy that will be broad in scope and include social, economic and energy policies.

The key goal is to promote "smart growth" in Aruba that

will increase the quality of life for Arubans as well as make Aruba more enjoyable for its many visitors. The plan will focus on integrating renewable energy, smart growth and new approaches to sustainable tourism.

According to Patrick Doherty, "Aruba has great potential to be a leader among Island nations as they make the transition to green, healthy and prosperous islander communities that can support a more diverse economy while re-branding Aruba as one of the leading destinations for sustainable tourism."

The Foundation sees Aruba as an innovative and unique partner for developing and im-

plementing such a visionary plan and demonstrating its effectiveness on an Island wide basis as a model for other countries.

The New America Foundation has recognized that Aruba, under the leadership of Prime Minister Eman, already has begun the transition to smart growth with the shift to wind energy, the construction of urban renewal projects, and the creation of a renewable energy institute as well as further carbon reductions planned in the energy and water sectors.

Patrick Doherty visited Aruba recently and was highly impressed with the progress the Government of Aruba is making in such a short time to implement its projects in the area of smart growth. He was pleased to see Aruba moving ahead on the same lines of neighborhood renewal and transformation to renewable energy that the NAF has been advocating in the United States.

Doherty hopes to build on Aruba's current plans by consulting widely with stakeholders in Aruba to integrate the development plans to achieve what he calls "broad-spectrum



sustainability." Such an approach can yield lasting benefits while also lowering costs to the government in the long term by reducing health care costs and providing greater stability and competitiveness to Aruba's tourism product.

According to Prime Minister Eman, "A strategy of smart growth can produce benefits and savings that are not traditionally considered when reviewing the performance of government, but they are important and must be taken into account over the long view."

The New America Foundation is one of the world's leading nonpartisan public policy

institutes dedicated to developing a grad strategy capable of forging a prosperous, secure and sustainable future for the global community of nations. The Chairman of the Board of the New America Foundation is Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman of Google, Inc.

Prime Minister Eman stated, "We are pleased that a prestigious group such as the New American Foundation has seen the value in our vision for a better, strong and more sustainable Aruba, and wishes to work with us to make our plans even more effective so that the next generation of Arubans can live even better than the last."

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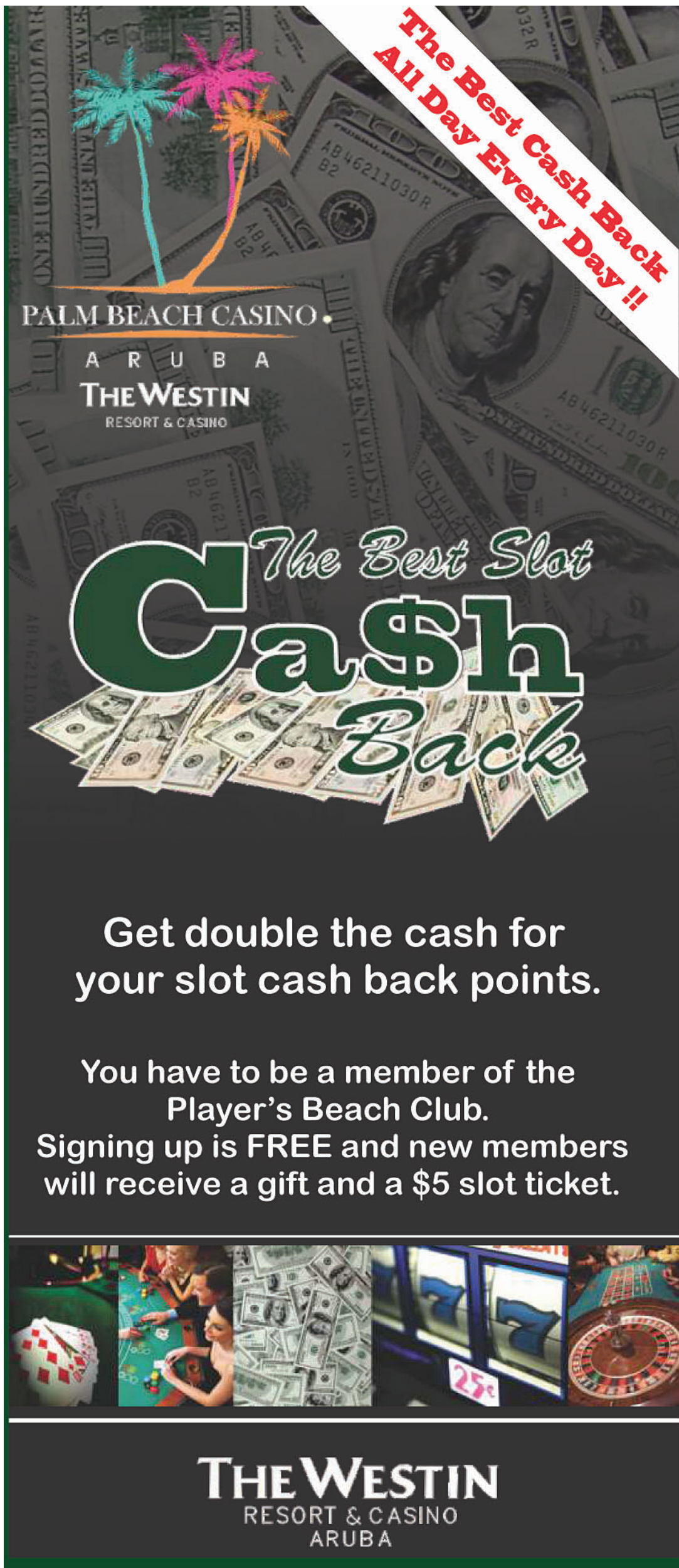
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## Minister Oduber met with associates of Department of Civil Aviation



On Monday Minister Otmar Oduber in a friendly and lengthy meeting met with all employees of the Department of Civil Aviation to give them a detailed description of his views and management philosophy regarding their department.

In a very frank manner Oduber outlined his philosophy for the department and explained in detail the necessary changes they can expect in the future. Oduber also informed the group of the different challenges taking place with respect to different aspects of the department.

The Minister expressed that he considers it important to meet with them so as to provide them with clarity regarding their work and so doing enable them to work in all tranquility so they can function optimally. He said that their daily work is very vital for the development of the economy of our country, because they are part of the important nucleus of our tourism.

The Minister, after giving the employees a detailed de-

scription of all aspects related to the Department of Civil Aviation, he allowed the associates to ask questions and offer suggestions. Oduber took the time to answer every question and gave full attention to their suggestions.

One important question that was raised was...."What are the plans regarding the Aruba air space and what will be the future for Aruba's Air Traffic Controllers?" To this question, Otmar Oduber indicated that a process has been initiated to find a solution within the context of an agreement that was signed back in 1985 before Aruba's Status Aparte but which was never enacted. According to Oduber, as soon as they have clarity on that issue they will explore the possibilities that will arise for our Air traffic Controllers.

The associates expressed their satisfaction for the attention they received from the Minister and for the information received regarding what is happening and what they should expect for the Department.



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## Solar Race in Australia by Aruban St Jago, off to a splendid start



**The top cap of Nuna6 is raised in the direction of the sun to generate as much energy as possible.**

Aruban Javier Sint Jago, member of the Nuon Solar Team competing with his solar powered vehicle, had the honor of being the first to get the "GO" signal to take off with his solar Nuna6 mobile. He is competing in the World Solar Challenge 2011 in Australia.

This means that the 25 year old Aruban student of the TU-Delft University had to maneuver his fragile solar vehicle, Nuna6 through the busy traffic of Darwin as they do not close roads for this world championship. Sint Jago did

masterfully! He not only caught up and wished passed the TU Twente equipment on the road, but after 100 kilometers he also passed the defending champion, Tokai University of Japan.

On Sunday the 16th of October 36 teams from 20 countries appeared at the starting point in Darwin for the 3000 kilometer distance through the desert to reach Adelaide at the south of Australia.

Everyday the races are stopped at 5:30 in the afternoon and the teams sleep on

the roadside wherever they have reached with their vehicles. The next day they begin from where they slept to continue the race. The participants have until Sunday to reach to reach the final to conclude the race.

However, it is believed that by Thursday the first teams may have reached the final. The Nuna6 team has very high hopes and expectations. This is simply because they have former astronaut and guru of durability, Wubbo Ockels as their coach. Of the first five races that they have driven thus far, they won four of them!

Two years ago, the Nuna6 team lost for the very first time. The Tokai team beat them that time. After the first day of the race, they believe that three teams appear to be superior to the others. For the entire duration thus far, either TU Delft, Tokai University or University of Michigan is in the lead.

A very relaxed and calm Javier St Jago reported that his Nuna6, which he worked on himself for a solid year is a "pleasure to drive." Despite



**Javier traveling through the dessert of Australia at a speed of 89 km per hour**

the temperature which has risen above 50 degrees in the cockpit, the mobile is still a pleasure to maneuver. The strong winds did not have any effect on the solar vehicle. After driving 317 kilometers Sint Jago was relieved by another driver at the first control post. The race continued thereafter running head to head. At 5:30 pm the first day of the race was over.

The Michigan team drove a distance of 715,9 kilometers, Tokai was 500 meters behind them and Nuna6 came in only a few meters behind Tokai.

Nuna6 drove at a speed of about 89 kilometers. University of Twente came in fourth and reached 633.5 kilometers. Green Maniac of Korea lagged behind at a distance of 223 kilometers.

Provisional results for Tuesday, October 18 are: 1st place Tokai Solar Car Team who arrived at 16.02 ; second place Nuon Solar Car Team who arrived at 16.37; and third place University of Michigan who arrived at 16.41.

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## “Reading and Writing with Anne Frank” come to Aruba

*Special opening of exposition tomorrow night at 6PM*

Josephine de Man and Inger Schaap of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam are on Aruba for the commencement of an educational program titled “Reading and Writing with Anne Frank,” which welcomes the public to view the materials and history of the project during a gala opening at Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad, tomorrow evening, October 20.

The program will be conducted at a number of schools for students ages 9 to 15, encompassing the 5th and 6th grades in primary schools and grades 1 to 3 at the MAVO and HAVO. The exposition consists of the various materials in the program, a history of Anne



Josephine de Man and Inger Schaap of Anne Frank House

Frank and her writings and a collection of books in several languages written about her for various reading levels, including

a graphic biography for young readers. A number of these will be donated to Aruba's National Library.



Joyce Overdijk-Frances and Mirto Lacle of the IPA

Local organizers Mirto Lacle of the IPA, Aruba's teacher-training institute, and Joyce Overdijk-Frances, invite everyone to learn about Anne Frank's remarkable body of work besides her famous diary, and enjoy the documentary “The Short Life of Anne Frank” which will be screened at 6:15 PM, sharp; doors open at 5:30 PM. This inaugurates a one-week showing in the Cas di Cultura, from which the exposition will travel around the island to be displayed at Colegio San Nicolas for a week, 11 days at Colegio Arubano in Oranjestad, a day at the IPA, and finally to the San Nicolas Branch of the various Dutch Caribbean islands of St. Martaan, Curacao and Bonaire following its tenure on Aruba, while distributing learning materials. Organizers from the Anne Frank House plan to then take it to English Islands of the region.

During the time Anne Frank

and her family hid in an Amsterdam attic to escape Nazi persecution, she harbored a deep desire to be a writer, and was quite prolific. Between the ages of 13 and 15 she wrote short stories, fairy tales, essays and the beginning of a novel, filling 5 notebooks and 300 loose pages in her meticulous script, where “her works combine adolescent imagination and playfulness with mature insight and self-awareness.”

Mrs. Overdijk-Frances explained the “Reading and Writing with Anne Frank” syllabus is not only an interesting tool for teaching these basic skills, but also encourages tolerance for all groups, while providing insight and inspiration from a young mind in extreme circumstances, and an awareness among youngsters of what they can accomplish intellectually, even at such a young age.

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## Central America toll from rains climbs above 90

Rescuers workers remove debris as they recover bodies buried during a mudslide in the Ciudad Arce department of La Libertad, about 40 km (25 miles) west of San Salvador. The death toll rose above 90 yesterday from heavy rains pounding Central America after Guatemala reported more people swept away by raging floodwaters and four people drowned in Costa Rica.

In Guatemala, five more deaths were reported, including four swept away, bringing the death toll to 34 over the past week in a nation that has been hit particularly hard in 2011 by flooding and heavy rains, officials said.



The mayor of the northern Guatemala community of Mixco, Amilcar Rivera, said it was possible the toll would rise.

Hard-hit El Salvador on Monday launched a worldwide appeal for humanitarian assistance due to the intense rain

## Syria in 'fiercest' crackdown around capital, says right group

DAMASCUS (AFP) - A Syrian rights group called yesterday for President Bashar al-Assad to be tried for "crimes against humanity" as troops reportedly mounted the fiercest raids in the Damascus region of their seven-month crackdown on dissent.

Activists also reported that three people were shot dead by security forces when they fired on protests in the southern province of Daraa, cradle of the anti-regime protests that erupted in mid-March.

On the political front, neighbouring Turkey welcomed Syrian opposition leaders for their first formal talks

as it strives to find an end to the bloodletting that has claimed more than 3,000 lives so far.

The Syrian League for the Defence of Human Rights blamed Assad for the deadly repression of dissent and said he should be "tried for crimes against humanity," in a statement received by AFP in Nicosia.

The watchdog said 3,482 people, including 212 children and 99 women, have been killed since mid-March and 4,232 wounded, adding that more than 191 deaths "were the result of torture in detention centers."

UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said at the weekend that more than 3,000 people, including 187 children, have been killed in the regime's crackdown.

She warned that Syria risked "a full-blown civil war."

In yesterday's violence, three civilians were shot dead and dozens wounded when security forces opened fire in the Daraa town of Herak, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The LCC added reported tank fire and said electricity was cut throughout Herak.

The Observatory also reported that a sniper killed an intelligence officer in Idlib province bordering Turkey as armed resistance to the security forces spread, while search operations in the flashpoint central province of Homs wounded 15 people.

Around the capital, "several towns were targeted by the fiercest security operations since the start of the revolution" the Observatory said.

## Bolivian native protest march nears La Paz

LA PAZ (AFP) - Hundreds of Bolivian Indians are winding up a weeks-long march against government plans to destroy part of an Amazon nature refuge to build a highway, and now are just one day's walk from La Paz, the group's leaders said yesterday.

The protesters, who left the northern city of Trinidad in mid-August, were about 30 kilometers (20 miles) from La Paz when they started walking yesterday from the town of Pongo to Urujara, about 10 kilometers from the capital.

The marchers, including women, children and elderly people, have endured heavy rains, frigid temperatures, difficult mountainous terrain and police brutality during their 600 kilometer (370-mile) journey.

Earlier this month, President Evo Morales agreed to postpone construction of the roadway, a delay which was later approved by Bolivia's leg-

islature.

But the protesters are seeking assurances that the project -- or at least the Amazon portion of it -- will be scuttled for good.

The Brazil-financed road was to have run through the Isiboro Secure reserve, leveling an ancestral homeland inhabited by some 50,000 native people from three different indigenous groups.

These isolated groups, from the humid lowlands, are not from the main indigenous groups that make up most of Bolivia's population, the highland Andean Aymara and Quechua peoples.

The lowland people fear their traditional lands may be overrun by landless highland farmers.

Work on the highway, which had been due to be operational in 2014, began in June, although not on the segment running through the reserve.



PUERTO ESCONDIDO -- Colombian police personnel from an anti-narcotics unit stand guard around a seized semi-submersible in a kind of shed as it is presented to the press, in the municipality of Puerto Escondido, Cordoba department, Colombia. The 20-meter long fiberglass semi-submersible capable of carrying 6 tons of cocaine and four crew on board, belonged to the gang "Los Urabeños" according to authorities. Most drugs departing Colombia go by sea -- either "go-fast" boats, fishing vessels, commercial shipping, or the relatively new method of Self-Propelled Semi-Submersible watercraft (SPSS). (AFP PHOTO)

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## Health & Living

# EU bans patents of stem cells if embryo destroyed



--Europe's top court on Tuesday banned researchers from patenting any process to extract stem cells when it leads to the destruction of a human embryo.

In a ruling that could affect medical research, the EU Court of Justice court said the use of human embryos "for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes which are applied to the human embryo and are useful to it is patentable."

"But their use for purposes of scientific research is not patentable," the court ruled.

The EU judges were asked by the German Federal Court of Justice to provide an interpretation of a human embryo following an appeal from a German scientist, whose patent on a method to create nerve cells from human embryonic stem cells was ruled invalid.

The scientist, Oliver Bruestle, said there were already clinical applications for his invention to treat patients with Parkinson's disease.

But the Luxembourg-based court said that "a process which involves removal of a stem cell from a human embryo at the blastocyst stage, entailing the destruction of that embryo, cannot be patented."

Blastocyst is a later stage of embryonic development, almost five days after fertilization.

## US doctors discourage videos for babies under two



--Like 90 percent of American parents, Matthew Sullivan allows his infant daughter and five-year-old son to watch television, videos and sometimes web-streamed content on his smartphone.

He usually limits their screen viewing to just over an hour a day, and admits that handing his phone to his 16-month-old daughter so she can watch a YouTube video can keep her busy and quiet while they run errands together.

"We know it's not great for them, but it's not bad either," Sullivan, a 36-year-old editor in Wilmington, Delaware, told AFP.

Over the past decade, media has pervaded the developed world to such an extent that the American Academy of

Pediatrics on Tuesday issued its first guidelines since 1999 to discourage any screen time for kids under two.

The largest US pediatricians' group says some of the 50 or so studies on the topic have shown that screen viewing can be linked to slower language development.

In a new twist, it also warned parents to be aware of the negative effects their own screen-watching can have on their children.

"I like to call it secondhand TV," said pediatrician Ari Brown, who is the lead author of the AAP guidelines, in an interview with AFP.

"When the TV is on, the parent is talking less. There is some scientific evidence that shows that the less talk-time a

child has, the poorer their language development is," she said.

The latest guidelines do not refer to interactive play such as video games on smartphones or other devices, but to media watched passively on any kind of screen, be it phone, computer, television or other.

"This updated policy statement provides further evidence that media -- both foreground and background -- have potentially negative effects and no known positive effects for children younger than two years," it said.

"Thus the AAP reaffirms its recommendation to discourage media use in this age group."

Brown also said the update to the guidelines was needed because of the explosion of baby DVDs targeting the 0-2 age group.

The AAP did not name specific products, but a host of DVDs aimed at babies and preschoolers make up a \$200 million annual market in the United States, where one third of children have a TV in their bedrooms by age three.

Efforts by federal authorities to stop marketers from making educational claims on their products have fallen short, the AAP said.

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--Male breast cancer is cancer that forms in the breast tissue of men. Though breast cancer is most commonly thought of as a woman's disease, male breast cancer does occur.

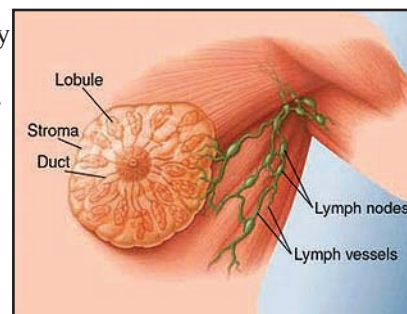
Male breast cancer is most common in older men, though male breast cancer can occur at any age.

Men diagnosed with male breast cancer at an early stage have a good chance for a cure. Still, many men delay seeing their doctors if they notice unusual signs or symptoms, such as a breast lump. For this reason, many male breast cancers are diagnosed when the disease is more advanced.

**Signs and symptoms of male breast cancer can include:**

- \*A painless lump or thickening in the breast tissue
- \*Changes to the skin covering your breast, such as dimpling, puckering, redness or scaling
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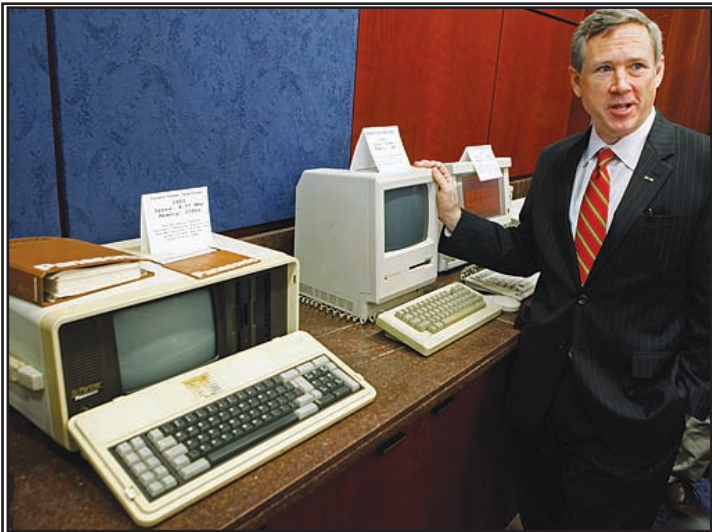
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## Sci-Tech



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AFP/Photo

## RIM out to rev up BlackBerry with sexy new apps

--Research In Motion (RIM) on Tuesday set out to rev up its BlackBerry and PlayBook lines with a tactic from Apple's winning playbook -- sexy, entertaining software applications.

Co-chief executive Mike Lazaridis opened a major RIM developers conference here with a humble acknowledgement that the company stumbled with a recent BlackBerry service outage and quickly shifted to talk of an upbeat future.

Lazaridis then unveiled a next-generation BlackBerry BBX platform designed to let developers build rich, quick applications to run on RIM smartphones and its PlayBook tablet computers.

RIM has sold 165 million BlackBerry smartphones and more than a billion applications have been downloaded from RIM's online App World, according to Lazaridis.

The launch of the new BlackBerry 7 line of handsets was touted as the best in the company's history.

Lazaridis said that BBX, named in tribute to its combination of BlackBerry and QNX Software Systems technology, provides a powerful new platform for developers for programs focus on anything from work to games.

Noticeably absent from the presentation were clues to what RIM has in store regarding handsets that will run on the BBX operating system.

The company is on record saying that it plans to release new smartphone models early next year.

Demonstrations at DevCon were done on PlayBook tablets with seven-inch (17 centimeter) screens boasting multi-touch control capabilities.

"Just like we revolutionized

wireless email we are transforming the tablet experience," Lazaridis said of PlayBook, which was released this year and has posed little challenge to Apple's market-ruling iPad.

Known for serious, work handsets as compared to sleek Apple or Android smartphones tailored for Internet-on-the-go lifestyles, RIM showcased game applications.

In another sign that RIM is intent on shedding the "business-only" image of its devices, the company is building on freshly released BlackBerry Balance technology that lets work and play applications exist in harmony on handsets.

Balance, which will ship with every BlackBerry device, keeps company programs walled off from personal apps loaded onto handsets, according to RIM software vice president Alan Panezic.

## British man is first to be mummified for 3,000 years

LONDON (AFP) - A British man has become the first person in 3,000 years to be mummified in the same way as ancient Egyptian pharaohs, a new TV documentary claims, after he donated his body to a science experiment.

Alan Billis, a 61-year-old taxi driver from Torquay in southwest England, died in January from lung cancer. Before he died, he volunteered to take part in a mummification experiment for television.

"People have been leaving their bodies to science for years, and if people don't volunteer for anything nothing

gets found out," Billis says in the documentary, which will be screened in Britain on October 24.

A team led by leading forensic pathologist Professor Peter Vanezis removed all of Billis' organs except his heart and brain, and left his body in a bath of special salts for a month, according to Channel 4 television.

The body was dried out in a special chamber at Sheffield's Medico Legal Centre in northern England, and then wrapped with linen bandages to allow the drying to continue, to keep his limbs in-

tact and keep out light and insects.

They used a process developed by Dr Stephen Buckley, a chemist and research fellow from nearby York University, who has been studying the mummification process for almost 20 years.

He has focused his research on ancient Egypt's 18th dynasty, which produced the best preserved mummies, including the body of Tutankhamun, who died in 1323 BC.

One of Buckley's key discoveries was that, contrary to popular belief, the mummies did not have their brain removed through their nose.

Before Billis, Buckley had experimented with the mummification process on the legs of pigs, which have very similar tissue to human flesh, and even transformed his shed to replicate the desert conditions in Egypt.

The process took three months and has been hailed a success by a number of expert scientists.

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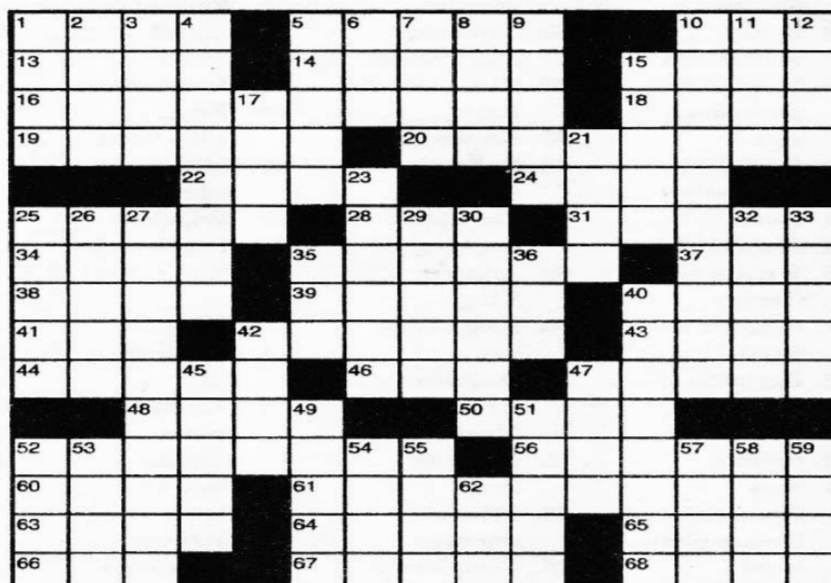
1. Suzy of "Titanic"
5. Frogman's gear
10. Be in the hole
13. Various: abbr.
14. Joined the crew team
15. Hitch
16. Out of whack
18. \_\_\_ time (never)
19. Destiny
20. Stores a sword
22. Writer Seton
24. Purplish black
25. Heroes
28. \_\_\_ Cruces
31. New bride's acquisition
34. His \_\_\_ (they are, in Paris)
35. \_\_\_ case (nervous wreck)
37. Classical record label: abbr.
38. Challenging skating jump
39. Moving about
40. Actress Gardner et al.
41. Pinatubo's detritus
42. Staples Center cagers
43. State bird of Hawaii
44. Controversial Reagan appointee
46. Aesthete's concern
47. Armchair traveler's tome
48. Roach's nightmare
50. Duplicate
52. Completely off the hook
56. Sculptor Alexander
60. Lee of "Pushing Daisies"

## DOWN

61. Gratis
63. Benevolent and protective order
64. Clean the tub
65. Chilean coin
66. Songwriter Farrell
67. Transmits
68. Hot times in Paris
1. Frenzied
2. Iconic British compact
3. Followers: suffix
4. Corn, Yiddish-style
5. Pushover
6. Saturn, for one
7. "Trinity" author
8. One of the March daughters
9. Cutting tools

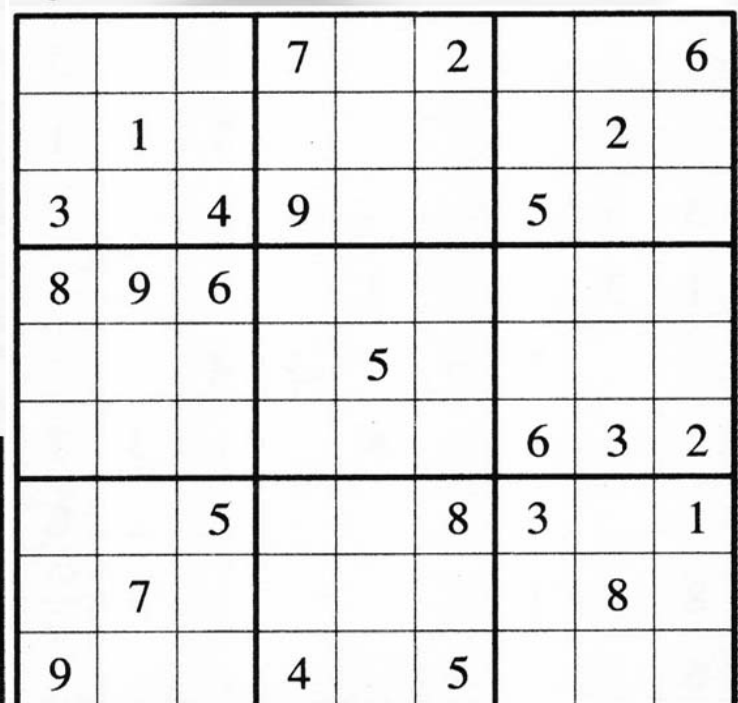
10. Fair and square
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15. Quashed, as a rumor
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21. Hit the landing strip
23. Seward's Folly
25. Pakistanis' religion
26. Dump a bucket of water on
27. Bar specification
29. Starwort
30. Avoids
32. Radarange name
33. \_\_\_ up (gets the picture)
35. Sheepish sound
36. Ineloquent utterances

40. "Home on the Range" creature
42. Explorer Ericson
45. Fills
47. Asian nursemaid
49. Impurity
51. Serving scorers
52. Gush
53. John of the Velvet Underground
54. Noun suffix
55. "A Yank at \_\_\_" (1942 Rooney film)
57. Song for screen lovers, often
58. Actual being
59. Certain antique autos
62. 1963 Newman film



## WHERE?

## Sudoku



## SOLUTION

4	9	7	5	1	8	6	3	2
5	8	9	6	3	2	1	7	4
1	6	3	8	7	5	9	4	2
2	3	9	6	7	8	1	5	4
6	1	8	4	5	9	3	7	2
7	5	1	3	2	9	6	8	4
8	2	6	7	9	4	5	1	3
3	7	1	2	4	6	8	9	5
9	4	2	1	3	7	5	6	8

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## Finance

# European stocks hit on France downgrade warning

LONDON (AFP) - European stocks were mostly fell and the euro slid against the dollar yesterday after Moody's warned that its credit rating for France could be put on negative outlook, reigniting eurozone debt fears.

Shares were also hit by weaker-than-expected Chinese growth data, news which weighed heavily on Asia-Pacific shares.

The Paris CAC 40 index fell 0.79 percent to 3,141.1 points after Moody's warned it may place a negative outlook on its Aaa credit rating for France as the government's financial strength "has weakened."

The annual credit report released on Monday was a shot across the bow for the second largest economy in the eurozone, which currently enjoys the top credit rating from Moody's and rival ratings agencies.

London's FTSE 100 index of leading shares slid 0.49 percent to 5,410.35 points, as investors also reacted to news that British annual inflation hit a three-year high of 5.2 percent in September.

Frankfurt's DAX 30

dropped around one percent after data showed German investor confidence fell to the lowest level for nearly three years in October, but rallied to close up 0.31 percent on 5,877.41 points.

German stocks apparently benefitted from concerns about France, said traders.

"At the moment investors still consider German stocks as safe," said Baader Bank analyst Robert Halver.

Moody's warning weighed most on sentiment, traders said.

"It is Moody's putting France's prized triple A credit rating on negative watch that is getting the bears out in force today," said Capital Spreads analyst Simon Denham.

US stocks shrugged off the France warning, and clawed into positive territory as investors sifted through a series of company earnings reports.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.07 percent to 11,404.72 points by 1500 GMT.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite edged up 0.05 percent to 2,616.23 points, while the S&P 500, a broader measure of the markets, advanced

0.36 percent to 1,205.17 points.

"US stock prices continue to track in a wide trading range moving up and down on a daily basis in tandem with the movement of the euro versus the dollar in the currency market," said Frederic Dickson at DA Davidson & Co.

In foreign exchange trade, the euro slipped to \$1.3719 from \$1.3734 late in New York on Monday, on fading hopes that EU leaders would unveil firm plans to resolve the eurozone debt crisis when meeting at a summit this weekend.

The dollar slipped to 76.76 yen from 76.82 yen and gold prices dropped to \$1,631 an ounce from \$1,682.

Market sentiment was also hit by China announcing that its economic growth slowed to 9.1 percent in the third quarter as government efforts to tame inflation and turbulence in Europe and the US curbed activity.

Growth in the world's second-largest economy slowed from 9.5 percent in the second quarter to its lowest rate in two years, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said Tuesday.

Asia-Pacific markets closed sharply lower on the news, with Hong Kong diving 4.23 percent, Shanghai losing 2.33 percent, Tokyo shedding 1.55 percent and Sydney slumping 2.07 percent.

## Lowe's to Close 20 U.S. Stores, slow North American Openings



ALEXANDRIA, Virginia: A customer pushes a shopping cart outside a Lowe's store October 17, 2011 in Alexandria, Virginia. Lowe's has announced that the company will close 20 of its 1,725 stores and cut about 2,000 jobs. Half of the locations closed at the end of business on Monday, and the remaining 10 will be shut within about a month, Mooresville, North Carolina-based Lowe's said yesterday in a statement. The closings will reduce earnings by about 17 cents to 20 cents a share this fiscal year, the company said. (AFP PHOTO)

## WTO members close to deal on public works worth billions

GENEVA (AFP) - Members at the World Trade Organization are close to a deal on public works tenders which could unlock tens of billions of dollars in new market access annually.

Negotiations on the agreement, which has been ten years in the making, could be concluded in time for the WTO's ministerial conference in December, said Nicholas Niggli, who chairs the negotiating committee on the issue.

"We believe we have the time to conclude the long-running Government Procurement Agreement negotiations, and the time is precisely during the WTO ministerial," said Niggli, after a meeting on the topic.

Some 95 percent of negotiations have been done, noted Niggli.

At the moment, some 42 economies are signatories of the existing agreement, but several others, including China, are in the queue to join.

Current negotiations are aimed at extending the coverage of the agreement to include more than 200 new ministries, government agencies and other public entities.

In addition, it includes new coverage of telecommunications and offers full access to construction services.

A WTO study taking into account the 42 economies and several others including China and Brazil shows that the new agreement could lead to between \$380 and 970 billion of new market access annually.

For the five BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) -- all of which are non-members of the GPA currently -- the amount of potential market access reached between \$233 and 596 billion.

Niggli expressed optimism that a deal could be reached by the ministerial meeting which starts December 15.

"I bet on the fact that we will strike a deal," said Niggli.

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## 23 Swedish women convicted in rare child porn case

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) - A Swedish court on Tuesday convicted 23 women of possessing child pornography in a case that has drawn widespread attention because child pornography perpetrators are usually men.

The ringleader in the case was however a man, 43-year-old Lars Skoglund, who who distributed large quantities of pornographic material featuring children to the women.

He was convicted of aggravated child pornography and sentenced to one year in prison.

According to the court, the photographs and films depict children being raped by adults, in some cases with the children tied up.

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## Tracey Nicolaas en route to Bolivia Will represent Aruba at the "Reina Hispanoamericana 2011" pageant



Recently, The New Star Promotion bade farewell to Tracey Nicolaas. She will represent Aruba at the "Reina Hispanoamericana 2011" international pageant to take place in Bolivia. Tracey was Miss Aruba 2007 and New Star Promotion is sure that with her experience she will represent Aruba very well and maybe even return to Aruba with the crown. Miss Aruba 2011 candidates Patrisia Koolman, Lucianette Verhoeks, Erialda Croes and Allison Gir together with The New Star Promotions representatives and family members all went to the Airport to bid Tracey luck. The "Reina Hispanoamericana 2011" will take place on October 27.

## Schwarzenegger returns to set as small-town sheriff

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Arnold Schwarzenegger is back on set as a small-town sheriff in his first starring role since stepping down as governor of California and admitting to fathering a child with the family maid.

Lionsgate studios said Schwarzenegger, 64, has begun work on the set of "The Last Stand," directed by South Korean Jee-woon Kim, in which the actor will play his first starring role since 2003's "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines."

Schwarzenegger, who stepped down in January after seven years as governor of California, will play a former Los Angeles cop who becomes a small town sheriff on the Mexican border, where he hunts a drug trafficker wanted by the FBI.

The film is due to be released in 2013.

The former bodybuilder and film star put his Hollywood comeback plans on hold after admitting in May that he had fathered a child with he and wife Maria Shriver's former housekeeper a decade earlier.

Shriver filed for divorce soon after, citing "irreconcilable differences" with her husband, whom she met in 1977 and married in 1986.

Prior to the love child revelations, Schwarzenegger had started to return to show business, with plans for a "Governator" comic book and animated TV show in which an ex-governor turned superhero would fight crime and natural disasters.

He will also star alongside fellow aging action stars Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis in "The Expendables 2," set to come out next year.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-



the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality


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## Michael Jackson trial put on hold

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The trial of Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray was suspended for two days on Monday to allow his defense team to assess a new report on what was in the singer's stomach when he died.

Judge Michael Pastor agreed to give Murray's lawyers the time to discuss the medical examiner's report with their own experts, saying the trial will resume today.

The forensic toxicology report two years ago found the cause of death to be acute intoxication of propofol, an anesthetic, but also noted the anti-anxiety drug lorazepam

was in the singer's system.

Defense lawyers have portrayed Jackson as a desperate addict and at first suggested he could have given himself an extra dose of propofol while the doctor was out of the room.

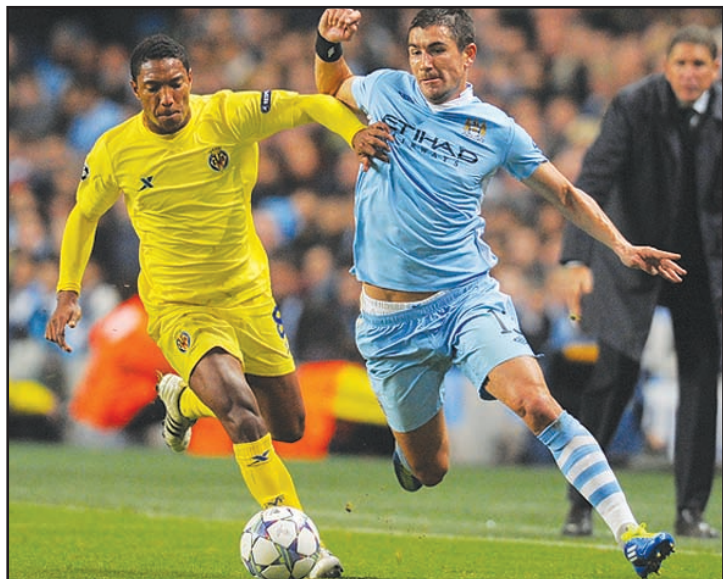
But in a surprise move they later dropped that claim and focused instead on the theory that a fatal cocktail was produced when the late singer administered himself some extra lorazepam.

Defense lawyer Ed Chernoff, calling for the delay, insisted that Murray's team "have to have the ability to address" the issue before the trial resumes.



## Sport

# Manchester clubs win at last, French clubs suffer



Manchester City's Serbian defender Aleksandar Kolarov (R) vies with Villarreal's Dutch midfielder Jonathan de Guzmán

PARIS, (AFP) - Both the Manchester clubs finally got their first wins of the Champions League campaign on Tuesday with United beating Romania minnows Otelul Galati 2-0 and City edging Villarreal 2-1.

However, both were not pretty affairs, United relying on two Wayne Rooney second-half penalties - making him the highest ever scoring Englishman in the competition with 26 goals - in a match

where both sides ended with 10 men.

United, though, still trail Benfica in the table, the impressive Portuguese outfit maintaining their unbeaten record in all competitions with a 2-0 win away at Basel.

City's win was harsh on their resilient Spanish opponents Villarreal as a goal in time added-on by Sergio Aguero gave them the three points and all but ended the losers hopes of progressing with a third successive defeat.

City got another boost as group leaders Bayern Munich drew 1-1 away at second-placed Napoli - a game more notable for Manuel Neuer letting in his first goal in 1147 minutes of action.

It took one of his own team-mate Holger Badstuber's boots to do so.

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes said he was satisfied with the result which leaves them unbeaten but thought they could have taken all the points.

Real Madrid's perfect start to this season's Champions League continued as they steamrollered French side Lyon 4-0 to make it three wins from three matches.

The meringues have not won Europe's premier club competition since 2002 and are desperate to dislodge bitter rivals Barcelona from their perch as European champions.

Goals from former Lyon star Karim Benzema, Sami Khedira, an own goal by Hugo Lloris and a fourth from Sergi Ramos rounded off a great night for them.

Real coach Jose Mourinho, a winner with Porto in 2004 and then Inter Milan in 2010, said that the win had signifi-

cantly eased the pressure on them in terms of topping the group.

A bad night for French clubs was compounded by champions Lille's 1-0 home defeat by Inter Milan.

A first-half goal by Gian Paolo Pazzini was enough to give the 2010 Champions League winners victory in their 100th match in the competition and a much-needed win for Claudio Ranieri and his players, who are struggling in Serie A.

While Lille will do well to compete for a knockout stage spot, Inter face a battle with CSKA Moscow and Trabzonspor, the Russian outfit impressing with a 3-0 home victory over the Turkish side, who stunned Inter in their opening match at the San Siro.



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## McIlroy, Bradley share Grand Slam lead

SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) - US Open champion Rory McIlroy birdied three of the last five holes to grab a share of the lead with American Keegan Bradley on Tuesday after the first round of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf.

The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland matched Bradley, this year's PGA Championship winner, on four-under par 67 after the opening 18 holes in the two-day, \$1.35 million showdown of the year's four major golf championships.

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## NBA: Owners, players meet with mediator

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA players and owners returned to the bargaining table with a federal mediator on Tuesday in hopes of reaching a deal to end a dispute over money that has shut down the league for 110 days.

The first two weeks of the 2011-2012 NBA season have already been cancelled and NBA commissioner David Stern said that more games could be wiped out if the two sides, widely split on how to divide revenues, cannot reach a deal Tuesday.

NBA owners will meet Wednesday and Thursday to discuss their next moves in the stalemate, the first shut-down of the league since the 1998-99 season was reduced from 82 to 50 games per club over similar issues.

US mediator George Cohen, who entered a similar collective bargaining dispute earlier this year involving American football team owners and players, met with each side separately on Monday ahead of the session with both groups.

Cohen's background also includes serving as a lawyer for Major League Baseball's players union in 1995 when a court injunction against club owners in 1995 ended a 7 1/2-month dispute, one that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

Billionaire club owners and multi-millionaire NBA players each want about 53 percent of revenues, a four-percent cut in what players enjoyed from the prior contract that expired July 1.

Owners want to exclude more income from the revenues that must be shared with players and they want a larger chunk of the shared money as well, plus a salary cap without the numerous exceptions that were in the prior contract.

Players have already agreed to cuts they say would provide the league \$1.3 billion over six years and do not want a salary cap.

Some players have signed with overseas clubs to be certain of not losing a full year of their careers to the lockout.

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Character is the trademark of the Cardinals as well, especially after their pre-season training began with the loss of an ace pitcher, Adam Wainwright, to an elbow injury.

St. Louis trailed the final wild-card playoff spot by 10 1/2 games with one month remaining in the season but rallied to claim the last playoff berth on the final day of the six-month season.

"A lot of it has to do with character," Cardinals manager

ager Tony La Russa said. "We have a very strong character team."

The Cardinals became the first team to win a best-of-seven playoff series without having any starting pitcher hurl more than five innings as relievers compiled a 1.88 earned-run average and kept Milwaukee batters to a .155 average.

"We believe," Freese said. "That's what you've got to do in this game."

## NFL: Palmer sent to Raiders at trade deadline



OAKLAND (AFP) - Carson Palmer, a talented passer who refused to report to the Cincinnati Bengals, was sent to the Oakland Raiders on Tuesday just ahead of the National Football League trade deadline.

The Bengals obtained a

first-round pick in the 2012 NFL Draft and a choice in the 2013 draft in exchange for the 31-year-old quarterback.

If the Raiders win a playoff game this season, the 2013 pick would be a first-round selection. If not, it will be a second-round choice.

The Raiders, in early playoff contention at 4-2, needed a new signal caller after Jason Campbell suffered a broken collarbone and underwent surgery on Monday that will sideline him for at least six weeks.

That left Oakland's only

quarterbacks as rookie Terrelle Pryor and Kyle Boller, who last started in 2009.

Palmer had demanded a trade for months, saying he would retire if not given the chance to play for another club. The Bengals refused to make a deal, saying they considered him retired when he did not report.

But Oakland offered a deal the Bengals could not refuse, a move helped by the fact that the Bengals are also off to a 4-2 start thanks to rookie quarterback Andy Dalton filling in superbly in the absence of Palmer.

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# Rangers seek first title against Cardinals



ST. LOUIS (AFP) - A year after losing their World Series debut to San Francisco, the Texas Rangers are back in Major League Baseball's best-of-seven championship final against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Rangers hope to complete their unfinished business starting today at St. Louis in a matchup of teams full of ball-smashing sluggers.

"We wanted to win last year," Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton said. "We expect to win this year."

Texas averaged more than six runs a game in defeating Detroit in the American League finals while the Cardinals averaged more than seven runs a game in dispatching Milwaukee in the National League finals.

"I feel better about this team at this time this year than

I did last year," said team president and retired Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan said. "It's more balanced, which is important."

The Cardinals have won 11 World Series crowns, the most recent of them coming in 2006, and rank second to the New York Yankees on the all-time title list. This will be the 18th trip to the World Series for St. Louis.

The Rangers, formed in 1961 as the Washington Senators, moved to the Dallas suburbs in 1972 and finally reached the World Series in their 50th season.

"The Rangers are a scary team," said St. Louis slugger David Freese, who blasted three homers in the NL finals and went 12-for-22 while batting in 10 runs.

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The Bengals have managed only two winning seasons in the past two decades while the Raiders have not reached the playoffs since 2002.

While he has not played since January 2 and has had no pre-season training camp, Palmer will be asked to step

onto a new team and make an immediate impact.

Palmer had been working out in Southern California but reported to the Raiders headquarters on Tuesday to start learning offensive schemes. The Raiders play host to Kansas City on Sunday then

have a week off.

Palmer has completed 2,024 of 3,217 career passes for 22,694 yards with 154 touchdowns and run for five touchdowns over his 97 NFL games since being the top overall pick of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Bengals.

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